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Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 08442.0002.04000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Joseph C. CAUTHEN) Group Art Unit: 3738
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Application. No.: 10/085,040) Examiner: U. Chattopadhyay
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to reply to the Office
Action of September 25, 2003. A fee of \$475.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any
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